

Maj. Gen. Livingston takes reigns in January

Major General Robert Livingston, Jr. will be sworn in as the state's adjutant general in January, succeeding Major General Stanhope S. Spears, who served in the position for 16 years. Livingston is a former commander of the South Carolina Army National Guard's 218th Infantry Brigade.

General Livingston enlisted in the Guard in 1978 and was commissioned through Palmetto Military Academy in 1980 as the top honor graduate. He earned bachelor degrees with honors from Hampton-Sydney College in Virginia and Georgia Tech, and a master of science degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech.

As an Army officer, his first leadership position was as an infantry platoon leader. During his career he has commanded at the company, battalion and brigade levels. Prior to becoming adjutant

general, he was deputy director, J5, US Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. In civilian life, Livingston is owner and president of Gregory Electric Company, a multi-state provider of commercial and industrial electrical, utility and telecommunications services.

General Livingston was elected without opposition as adjutant general in the November statewide election. He becomes the state's third adjutant general since 1978, following Spears and the late Major General T. Eston Marchant, who both served four terms as head of the South Carolina National Guard.

A decorated combat veteran, Livingston led South Carolina Soldiers from the 218th Brigade



(Photo by SSgt. Jorge Intriago, 169th FW/PA)

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Retirees and employer of the year recognized

More than two dozen SCANG members, past and present, were honored and recognized during an awards ceremony in the hangar Dec. 4.

"It's important we recognize those who helped us get where we are today," said Brig. Gen. Scott Williams, 169th Fighter Wing Commander.

Williams added he believes what separates South Carolina from other Air National Guard units is the Wing's "exceptionalism." He listed the SCANG's accomplishments from Desert Storm through the Wing's 120-day AEF deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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SCANG members participate in Wreaths Across America

On a chilly December morning at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery, hundreds of people fanned out with wreaths in hand to place on headstones. Silently walking down the rows, they placed one wreath on each headstone – taking a moment to pause and reflect. Scenes just like this one at Fort Jackson were played out at 385 national cemeteries around the country to honor veterans laid to rest.

The week kicked off with a wreath laying ceremony led by outgoing Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Stanhope Spears alongside newly elected Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston at the military memorial on the State Capitol grounds in Columbia. Similar events were held at state houses nationwide.

“It’s tremendously important for us to remember our veterans,” said the state’s Command Chief, CMSgt. Mark Morrell, prior to the wreath laying ceremony at Fort Jackson.

Wreaths Across America is a national organization that began in 1992 when the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine found themselves with an excess of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Seeing an opportunity to do something special with those wreaths, the company made arrangements for the wreaths to be placed at



Capt. Heather Leite, MSgt. David Hutter, SMSgt. Jamie Edwards and SSgt. Rachael Hill presented the colors for the Wreaths Across America ceremony.

Arlington. The program began with a ceremony at Arlington and since 2006, Worcester Wreath expanded its wreath donations nationwide.

Now in its 18th year and more than 450,000 wreaths later, the original group has been joined by many others who wish to participate in the project each year. This year’s event was attended by members of the SCANG, Airmen from Shaw, Soldiers from Fort Jackson, along with local Junior ROTC cadets, military retirees and members of the local community.

The SCANG color guard opened the Saturday morning ceremony. Soldiers from Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment provided the 21-gun salute to end the event. Sergeant Stephen Hann, a bugler with the 282nd Army Band

at Fort Jackson, played Taps prior to the crowds dispersing.

Carol Davis, a Wreaths Across America leader for the Fort Jackson National Cemetery, said the event surpassed her expectations.

“I’m speechless,” Davis added. “This community cares.”

Statewide, wreath laying ceremonies also took place at National Cemeteries in Beaufort, Florence, Sumter, Hilton Head, Kershaw and Anderson. Wreath laying ceremonies were held at noon in National Cemeteries nationwide.



(Story and photos by TSgt. Stephen Hudson, 169th FW/PA)



Chief's Concerns

Chief Master Sergeant Mark Morrell, JFHQ

Happy New Year! As we move further into the 21st century I can't help but look back first. It's hard to believe that it's the 20th anniversary of our deployment in support of OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD/STORM. In the twenty years that followed we have found ourselves involved, as an operational force, in a perpetual state of conflict. This means that all Airmen that we've enlisted, since 1990, have known nothing but the specter of combat for almost an entire career. And still we continue accession of the best and brightest, the top 1%, that our state and nation have to offer. You've often heard me, or Chief Muncy (ANG CCM), mention the fact that we could fit the entirety of our Air National Guard family (106,700) into the Rose Bowl. Yet we continue to perform 39% of active missions worldwide. Our Airmen do indeed have the Warrior Ethos, that's prescribed in our Airman's Creed. Can you say "Total Force"?

I was talking with the boss, Maj. Gen. Stanhope Spears (the Adjutant General, who is retiring after 51-years in uniform), the other day and I asked him "General, what was the one thing you remember most, that you got the most reward out of" and he replied "the people," all the people and

organizations that he'd been a part of and that were still a part of him. I thought about that for a moment and couldn't have agreed more. We can have all the latest technology, all the finest equipment, but bottom line it's about our people; the Airmen that make those things work, that get the mission done.

The theme for the recent Senior Leadership Conference in D.C. was "are we ready for 2025?". I know most of us have our hands full trying to embrace the challenges we'll face in 2011, still hung-over from the staggering year of successes we realized in 2010, much less thinking about where we'll be 14-years from now. But, in order to get where we want to be in the future, we'll need to ensure that we have the right Airmen, with the right mix of training, education and experience, in the right place at the right time, to perform the missions of the 21st century. We need to be deliberate in how we develop and care for our Airmen and their families; that top 1% that has volunteered to serve in our SCANG.

So, after all these years of serving in a hostile world, the never ending cycle of deployments on top of inspections, on top of time away from families and employers, the constant sacrifices; it is up to each of



us to remember that as we move forward toward being ready for 2011, 2012 or even 2025, that we never forget it's about the "people". It's always been about the people, our "Airmen Warriors". If we take care of them, then yes, we are ready and we'll have lasting memories and a fellowship to prove it. Godspeed, General and Mrs. Spears.



Recruiting & Retention

Military Personnel Summary

Strength

Officers:

Authorized	141
Assigned	131
Percent Manned	92.9%

Enlisted:

Authorized	1199
Assigned	1250
Percent Manned	104.3%

Total:

Authorized	1340
Assigned	1381
Percent Manned	103.1%

(as of Dec 16, 2010)

Recruiting/Retention

Gains:

	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Prior	2	7
Non-Prior	1	15
Total	3	22

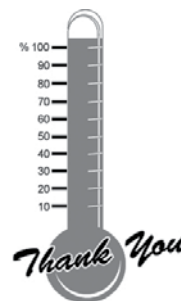
Losses:

ETS	0	2
Discharge	0	7
Medical	0	0
Resignation	0	3
Retirement	0	6
Transfer	2	7
Other	0	0
Total	2	25

Net Gain/Loss	+1	-3
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Recruiting Progress

We're at 104.3 percent!



We must maintain 100% strength through 2010! Recruit & Retain!

There are many positions open for immediate recruiting...

Munitions, Weapons, Crew Chiefs, Life Support, CE, Security Forces and more



Briefs

Free childcare available

Free childcare for children 6 weeks to 12 years is available at Fort Jackson's Child Development Center for all Guard and active duty members for posted drill dates. The CDC is located in base housing next to the Fort Jackson Commissary. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Terry DeLille, (803) 647-8089 or email her at carolyn.delille@ang.af.mil.

Commander's Action Line

Have a question, concern or problem? Leave a message on the Commander's Action Line. If requested, a member of the Commander's staff will respond with a resolution. Call (803) 647-8899.

Personal weapons policy

No personal weapons of any type, concealed or in plain view, are allowed on property of the S.C. Military Dept. and under the jurisdiction of the S.C. Adjutant General. Exceptions are members whose job requires them to carry weapons and who have written permission from the TAG.

ESGR Committee wants you

The SCANG Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR) Committee seeks volunteers. Contact Lt. Col. Glen Boatwright, (803) 647-8216 if interested. Visit <http://scguardnow.net> for information or visit the SCANG ESGR Facebook site.

Seasonal flu vaccine

The seasonal flu vaccine, which includes the H1N1, is mandatory. If you received the vaccine from a civilian provider, bring your documentation to the Clinic. This is a mandatory vaccine. If you haven't had it, get it at the Clinic this drill.

Education Fair

An Education and Scholarship Information Fair will be held in the base canteen from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8. Representatives from area colleges will be on hand to answer questions on financial aid, scholarships, and the different educational options available.

USO Mobile

Family Programs will host the USO Mobile, Jan 8-9, in the base canteen parking lot. They will be serving free snacks and beverages on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning they will serve free donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate.

Firing Range: No trespassing

The Base Firing Range, Bldg. 3320, is for official use only and closed to the public and to all non-authorized personnel. For more information, contact TSgt. Paul Wallace, 169th SFS, NCOIC, Combat Arms, Bldg. 979, (803) 647-8703.

Government Travel Card use

Just by managing your Government Travel Card, each SCANG member can help the unit earn up to of \$25,000 per quarter for the base operating fund.

Lt. Col. Ben Lovejoy, commander of the 169th Comptroller Flight said by completing accrual vouchers for extended TDYs, turning in final travel vouchers as quickly as possible, and checking the statement will ensure no outstanding balance is still required. You can check your statements and/or balances by accessing your account on line at: <https://home.cards.citidirect.com/CommercialCard/Cards.html>

"Everyone doing his or her part will ensure we start earning these extra funds very soon," Lovejoy said.

Remember, only use the card for government travel only.

New Dress and Appearance

The Air Force launched a new public website to educate and inform Airmen about the service's dress and appearance standards and policies. While the new site will be a valuable resource, Airmen should continue to work through their chain of command for clarification and guidance on Air Force dress and appearance standards and policies. Having this information on a public website ensures uniform changes and updates are available to the field in a timely manner rather than waiting for AFI 36-2903, which is being revised.

For more information, visit the Air Force Dress and Appearance public website at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dress/index.asp>

Scholarship available

The Julie Foudy Leadership Foundation is again offering a scholarship to military daughters interested in attending the Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy. The scholarship is open to ALL service members (including Active, Reserve and Veterans). Application materials will go up on their website (www.foudyleadershipfoundation.org) in January 2011.

Soldier Support Center open

The SCARNG Training Center at Camp McCrady now has a Soldier Support Center and is a new site for updating DEERS and making CAC cards and dependent ID cards for all Soldiers and Airmen, retirees and their eligible dependents. Hours of operation will be Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., as well as most weekends throughout the year. Coordination must be made ahead of time if anyone plans on getting an ID or CAC card made on any weekend to ensure someone will be available to provide that service.

Appointments are preferred and can be made by calling Staff Sergeants Carlton Walker 806-2035, Sheila Thompson 806-1766, Shawna Collier 806-2154 or Master Sgt. Patrick Jones 806-2292. Walk-ins will accepted as well. There are mandatory documents customers may need to bring with them, so it is always best if customers call ahead of time to ensure they have all required documentation. The center is located on Golden Lion Road in the brown building to the left of Range Operations.

ESGR Freedom Awards

National Guard members are encouraged to nominate their employers who go above and beyond in support of the Guardsmen for the 2011 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their support of their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.

The nomination form can be found at www.FreedomAward.mil. Every nominated employer will receive a certificate from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) to further promote their support for Guard and Reserve service. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 17, 2011.

E-mail ESGRFreedomAward@osd.mil with any questions regarding the nomination form or the Freedom Award.

Proof of Service Letter

Airmen can access the AF Portal, www.af.mil, under the Top Portal Links section to request a "Proof of Service Letter" from virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF) or a "20-year letter" from virtual Personnel Center – Guard and Reserve (vPC-GR). Airmen can also apply for retirement using vPC-GR.

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Combat Team through a one-year deployment to Afghanistan. From May 2007 to April 2008, he commanded Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix in Kabul, Afghanistan, providing training teams for the Afghan National Army and Police.

General Livingston is the recipient of the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Combat Action Badge and numerous other military awards and decorations.

General Livingston is a life-long resident of West Columbia, where he attends Mount Tabor Lutheran Church. He has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 33 years. They have four grown children Robert III, Rachel, Rebekah, and Roxanne.

"The SCANG has a history of excellence and I look forward to working with the Swamp Fox family just as my predecessor, Maj. Gen. Stanhope Spears, did. I want to ensure the wing continues its success and they continue to receive the support all Airmen need."



(Story by Lt. Col. Les Carroll, 169FW/PA)

(Photo by Staff Sgt. Tracci Dorgan, 169FW/PA)

Pictured far left is Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston and far right is Maj. Gen. Stanhope Spears as they support the "Wreaths Across America" ceremony held at the Military Memorial on the Capitol grounds in Columbia, Dec 6.

Winter home heating hazards, carbon monoxide

South Carolina is already experiencing a cooler than average winter this year. Home furnaces, space heaters, and fireplaces are working harder, everyone needs to remain vigilant against carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and fires in their home.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) urges consumers to schedule a professional inspection of all fuel-burning heating systems, including furnaces, boilers, fireplaces, wood stoves, water heaters, chimneys, flues and vents. The best way to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning is to have a professional inspection every year and install working CO alarms in your home.

Carbon monoxide is a silent killer. This colorless, odorless, poisonous gas kills nearly 500 U.S. residents each year. CO poisoning is most common during the winter months, as this is not only when furnaces are most used, but also when the second leading source of CO poisoning, vehicles, is most likely to kill or injure people as they warm up their cars and trucks inside garages.

Each year, at least 15,000 Americans suffer from unintentional, non-fire related CO exposure. The leading source of these poisonings is heating systems. According to the CPSC an estimated 103 deaths were associated with home heating systems that use

liquid propane gas, natural gas, kerosene, oil, coal or wood. The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. People who are sleeping can die from CO poisoning before ever experiencing symptoms.

Gasoline-powered generators used during winter weather-related power outages can also be a source of carbon monoxide poisoning. Everyone is urged to remember if they use a generator to do so outside, away from their homes.

Home heating equipment is one of the most common causes of residential structure fires, second only to cooking fires. Statistics show that fireplaces and chimneys are the number one source of home heating equipment fires and account for about 21,600, or 60 percent, of the nearly 36,000 estimated home heating equipment fires each year. Portable heaters, including space heaters, are the top cause of deaths in home heating equipment-related fires on average.

To help prevent deaths and injuries:

Have all heating system appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.

Install battery-operated CO and smoke alarms in your home.

Locate CO alarms outside the bedrooms in each separate sleeping area.

Replace smoke and CO alarm batteries when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall and check batteries monthly.

Fireplaces: Have flues and chimneys inspected before each heating season for leakage and blockage by creosote or debris.

Open the fireplace damper before lighting the fire and keep it open until the ashes are cool. An open damper may help prevent build-up of poisonous gases inside the home.

Space heaters: Place the heater on a level, hard and nonflammable surface (such as ceramic tile floor), not on rugs or carpets or near bedding or drapes. Keep the heater at least three feet from bedding, drapes, furniture and other flammable materials. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.

To prevent the risk of fire, NEVER leave a space heater on when you go to sleep. Turn the space heater off if you leave the area.

Use a space heater that has been tested to the latest safety standards and certified by a nationally-recognized testing laboratory. These heaters will have the most up-to-date safety features; older space heaters may not meet the newer safety standards. An unvented gas space heater that meets current safety standards will shut off if oxygen levels fall too low.

(Information provided by Wing Safety bulletin)



2010: A stellar Sw

The events of 2010 are now simply pages for the history books. World Cup, Oil Spill, Wikileaks, Facebook and Tea Party, to name a few, are words that will forever echo from the news archives.

The 169th Fighter Wing had its own share of “words” from the happenings throughout the year. In looking through the SCANG news from 2010, the following words seem to “jump out,” and shaped McEntire Joint National Guard Base in 2010.

Green- The base hosted a variety of activities to protect the environment and save resources. Those include planting flowers, recycling, clearing trash around Dry Branch pond and the “Adopt a Highway” clean-up of portions of Highway 378. The Civil Engineering Squadron also implemented numerous projects to conserve water and energy. The “green” year culminated with the recycling of over 15 tons of concrete during runway reconstruction.

Construction – It’s nearly impossible to drive on base and not see construction. The year kicked off in Feb. with the opening of the Base Gym. The new Joint Force Hqs building site seemed to evolve from here, with clearing along South Carolina Road. The three alert hangars were demolished to make way for the Air Sovereignty Alert mission late in the summer. Runway construction commenced with the departure of the jets to Savannah and Iraq and is expected to wind-down to completion early in 2011. Although work seemed “stealth” like, members of the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Shop restored the Air Park, preserving history and added beauty to the base.

Community – The Swamp Fox family and its support to the community was strong in 2010. With quarterly blood drives to support the American Red Cross, to holiday gift donations to Epworth Children’s Home, the men and women at McEntire were staples in the community. The “Top Gun” drill meet, Star Base and “Pilot for a Day,” are just a few programs supported in 2010. It cannot be overlooked, the deep appreciation to the recruiters,

(Photos by 169th FW Photographers)





Swamp Fox year

aircrews, fire fighters and pilots who sacrificed holidays and weekends to support festivals, sporting events, and parades. The community favorite remains the F-16s soaring overhead for flyovers!

Deployment – The year began with the return of more than 50 SCANG members from the Iron Falcon exercise to the United Arab Emirates. Throughout the year, the Swamp Fox family supported missions in Morocco, Haiti, the United Kingdom, Guam, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and the AEF rotation in Iraq. The Fighter Wing expresses its deepest appreciation to loved ones, employers and Family Programs with the “Yellow Ribbon” program for the support during the busy and hectic schedule.

Inspection – In Feb., the SCANG received outstanding ratings in the Standardization and Evaluation inspection. In Nov., the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program commenced, and again, the SCANG received outstanding ratings. The year 2010 is winding down as Fighter Wing personnel prepare for the Unit Compliance Inspection in Feb. There is no doubt, 2011 will kick-off with another outstanding year.

* Bonus word: F-35

While disappointed in McEntire not being on the list as one of the initial bases to receive the F-35, the SCANG is confident they will be here in coming years!

“The year 2010 will without fail go down in the Fighter Wing history as one of the busiest and most dynamic,” said Brig. Gen. Scott Williams, Fighter Wing Commander. “The future looks bright for our base because of the hard work of our Airmen and women. They’ve accomplished so much and should be proud of the results from a stellar year.”

(Story by Maj. Cindi King, JFHQ/PA)



"You are an exceptional wing," Williams said.

During the ceremony, 25 retirees and their families were honored for their service. Each retiree joined the commander on stage to be individually recognized and presented with awards, including the South Carolina Military Department's Guardsmen Retirement Medal. Each retiree's spouse received a certificate of appreciation for their unselfish support and devoted service.

The ceremony also was an occasion to celebrate the hard work of several recent graduates of the Community College of the Air Force while the 169th AMXS and MXS were also honored for their outstanding

service in 2009 and were recognized as Units of the Year.

Representatives from General Dynamics Information Technology, in Grovetown, Ga., were also on hand to receive a framed award as the 2009 SCANG Employer of the Year. The company was nominated by MSgt. Douglas Striff of the 169th Communications Flight. General Dynamics IT provides differential pay and continues employee benefits for the duration of a deployment; this includes the annual training requirements.

General Dynamics Information Technology recently had 103 employees on military leave, 73 of which qualified

for some differential pay. The company also provides activated Guard and Reserve employees with a Deployment Preparedness Kit, which contains a comprehensive guide to assist military members with their leave of absence.

According to Striff's written narrative in the nomination, recently the 16,000 employees at General Dynamics IT elected to forgo the traditional holiday gift to donate the money for gifts to the Wounded Warrior Project. The company is also receptive to military members who apply for jobs, giving consideration to the vast experience military members bring into the company.

(Story by TSgt. Stephen Hudson, 169th FW/PA)



(Photos by MSgt. Marvin Preston 169FW/PA)

(Left picture) Commanders of the units of the year, Lt. Col Michael Metzler and Lt. Col. Scott Bridgers stand with Brig. Gen. Grady Patterson and Brig. Gen Scott Williams as they accept the award for their units. (Right Picture) General Dynamics Staff accepts their award.



(Photo by SMSgt. Ed Snyder, 169FW/PA)

Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston gets a tour around McEntire Dec. 17. Lt. Col. Scott Bridgers explains the capabilities of our jets to the general during his visit to the hangar.



SCANG officer wins first place in national essay contest

Major Jim St.Clair, a Public Affairs Officer for the Joint Force Headquarters, won first place in the 2010 Military Officers Association of America national essay contest. The annual contest asked current and former members of the military to compose an original essay of no more than 750 words on a topic dealing with national security. Out of nearly 70 entries submitted, the MOAA judges selected the top three essays and then readers voted on the first, second and third place winners last month. In the end, St.Clair's essay "It's Time for Compulsory National Service" was chosen as the best for 2010. "I am honored to have been selected as the overall winner," St.Clair said. "I'd like to thank all my friends and family who voted for me too." To read St.Clair's essay, go to the link below and select the November 2010 issue. http://www.moaa.org/pubs/pubs_mom/pubs_mo_archive.htm

(Story by Maj. Cindi King, JFHQ/PA)
(Photo by SSgt. Jorge Intriago 169FW/PA)



"THE 300"

In just a few short years social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, LinkedIn and My Space have gone from a novelty to almost 450 million visitors every twenty-four hours. This explosion has resulted in our individuality becoming interwoven with a cyber persona.

Now think of yourself as one of the three million plus civilian and uniform personnel that make up the Department of Defense, most of which have a presence on one of those social media sites with you.

The great part of using social media sites is that they allow us to stay connected with our family, friends, and even meet new people. However, that same benefit places service members at risk of not only an individual concern, such as identity theft, which according to the FBI is the fastest growing crime in America effecting 700,000 Americas a year, but places lives in danger by allowing terrorists and other adversaries the opportunity to develop a Common Operating Picture (COP) of ongoing operations of our deployed forces and installations both at home and abroad.

It all comes down to a basic yet deadly method of data collection, Terrorists and other adversaries sit in front of a computer and search for potential OPSEC indicators via social media sites: personal data, daily routines, travel plans, unit location and destinations, photographs, video clips and supply issues. Even if our adversaries only find one percent of our community (30,000) profiles on line and only one percent of those (300) have OPSEC indicators present, the result is a mosaic, which may place you and others at deadly risk of being a victim of a potential attack.

In the past it was "Loose Lips – Sink Ships." Today it is "Collective Sharing – May Start Target Selection."

The good news is you can help even as you enjoy social mediums. First and foremost do a risk assessment, determine your online presence by making a simple assessment of your online footprint. Search for Friendly Force OPSEC vulnerabilities. Make sure who you're talking to is really who they say they are. As you look at your military friends and family profiles, make sure that they don't have anything posted that could lead to vulnerabilities for our deployed warriors or home base installations.



Wow another new year, they appear to be coming faster at me, don't know about you.

We had a great luncheon, and it appeared we had around 70-75 folks attend. We had a good speaker, Buddy Sturgis, Curator, S.C. National Guard Museum also has a lot of Air Guard artifacts due mainly to our Air Guard contingent that is a main cog in keeping the Museum up and running. So it is an all inclusive Musuem that we all can be proud of, and if you haven't visited it, you should, it is impressive.

Even better, there is no charge. It is right off of Bluff Road, and sits behind the The Adjutant General's building. You will have to go by the Security Guard, but you can just tell them you want to go to the Museum. McEntire History: Some McEntire firsts in January: 1957 - First "Runway Alert"; 1960 - First ANG pilot to check out in Mach 2 aircraft (Barnie McEntire in the F-104). We are still honoring the 1999 Retirees, and the second group consists of; BG Phil P. Leventis, Col. James A. McFarland, CMSgt. William N. Cobb, SMSgt. Thomas L. Christmus, MSgt's Johnny C. Bailey, William T. Royson, Otis Wingard, Jr., George M. Martin, Jr., John S. White, William F. Guyton, and Joe S. Standridge; TSgt's Archie W. Hudson, and Solomon K. Matthews, III; SSgt. Herbert D. Cooper. I also wanted to mention something about budgets, since that word is in the news a lot lately. There is an excerpt in the 40th Anniversary book that states: "The value of all federal property at Congaree Air Base including airplanes, fire truck, trailers, etc. is approximately \$2,500,000". We can't even buy a plane now for that! This was during

the fiscal year 1949, sixty one years ago, I thought you might get a kick out of that.

2011 is shaping up to be an interesting year for us retirees. We plan to have most of our Breakfasts and Luncheons at the Fort Jackson NCO Club; however we will have a Breakfast at McEntire scheduled for March 1st. So keep that in mind.

I am also coordinating a trip of a lifetime for most of us the first week in June to Washington DC area, along with Buddy and Mary Young (Captiol Tours). I hope many of us can participate in. Also a goal of mine is to have as complete of a list, as known or possible, of every one of us retirees from 1963 forward. I then can make copies for those of you who would want the list, but I have to finish "shaking the tree" to get as many folks that have retired, especially

the 'missing link' years of 1987-93. I have scrounged some thus far. In addition, I try to promote SCANG and us Retirees as much as possible by purchasing and selling shirts, and now jackets, which we all can wear with pride. I have found this is very promotional for SCANG, since people see the logo, and it instantly becomes a conversation piece. Most people ask if I was a pilot, I wish, but I tell them I was proudly with the 240th Combat Communications Squadron, and that we all had a role in getting the planes up in the air and back. In the back of my mind, by doing things such as this, helps keep awareness of the base, at least locally, and what role it plays in our community and National Defense, since things are getting so politicized with BRAC and different commissions that can keep a base open or closed.

SCANG Retirees present. . .

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A1C. Joseph Dimodica, 169th MXS
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Enlisted Promotions

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Master Sergeant
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Staff Sergeant
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SCANG Schedule

2011 -- UCI (Feb. UTA)
2011 Top Gun Drill Meet
April 16

Job Openings

Student Flight Coordinator positions open in the 169th FSS. Candidates must be in the rank of SSgt. or TSgt. with any AFSC. Submit a package consisting of a letter of intent, resume and a RIP to Capt. Heather Leite by Mar. 6th. Contact Capt. Leite at heather.leite@ang.af.mil or (803) 647-8075 or (803) 206-3241 (cell).

Blood Drive

There will be a blood
drive held in the canteen

April 3
June 5
August 7
October 1

Base Training

Airman Leadership School
(class start dates -- five-week duration)
(56 seats for ANG members)

2010

TBA

Noncommissioned Officers Academy
(class start dates -- six-week duration)
(75 seats for ANG members)

PME Schedule

MCGHEE TYSON ALS

10 Jan 11 - 10 Feb 11
21 Feb 11 - 24 Mar 11
11 Apr 11 - 12 May 11
27 Jun 11 - 28 Jul 11
15 Aug 11 - 15 Sep 11
27 Sep 11 - 28 Oct 11

MCGHEE TYSON NCOA

4 Jan - 10 Feb 11
21 Feb 11 - 30 Mar 11
11 Apr 11 - 18 May 11
27 Jun 11 - 3 Aug 11
15 Aug 11 - 21 Sep 11
27 Sep 11 - 3 Nov 11

TESTING SCHEDULE

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Drill Sundays, 12:30 p.m.

Report for testing no later than 15 minutes before the test. Members testing on CDCs required for upgrade training must bring their AFIADL 9 course card with the following items documented:

Date review training began
Date due completion
Date review training ended
Supervisor's signature
Trainee's signature

Members without the card and required information are not allowed to test. For more information, contact a unit training manager.



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REFLECTIONS

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ. Philippians 3:8

With every new year, comes a fresh start! We can look back at the past and see where we have gone emotionally, physically, and spiritually. This can be both humbling and hope-giving. Humbling, knowing that maybe we've strayed from a former, expected direction. Hope-giving, knowing that we can get back on track.

The apostle Paul was in prison for his faith in Jesus Christ throughout the book of Philippians. He had at one time gained everything that the "world" had counted as important; power, fame, status, etc. In his fresh start, he counted it all for loss, to gain what really mattered. Maybe in your fresh start, you too will need to lose something of less importance to gain something that means everything.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Jim Elliot

By Chaplain (Capt.) Shane Moore



Worship Schedule Saturday

Maintenance (hangar) & SFS after roll call

Sunday

8 - 8:30 a.m. - "Chapel Now" (WG HQ auditorium)

10:30-10:55 a.m. - "Chapel Next" (Dining Facility)

1:30-2 p.m. - Catholic Mass

in the LRS conference room (Father Travis)

What's for Lunch?

Saturday

Swiss Steak w/Tomato Sauce, BBQ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes or Harvest Blend Rice, Gravy, Broccoli, Carrots

Snack Line

Cannonball Sandwiches and Chips or Potatoe Bar

Sunday

Roast Pork or Chicken Fajitas, O'Brien Potatoes or Steamed Rice, Gravy, Lima Beans, Corn on the Cob

Snack Line

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries

The Dining Facility is open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Everyone using the facility must present a valid ID card.

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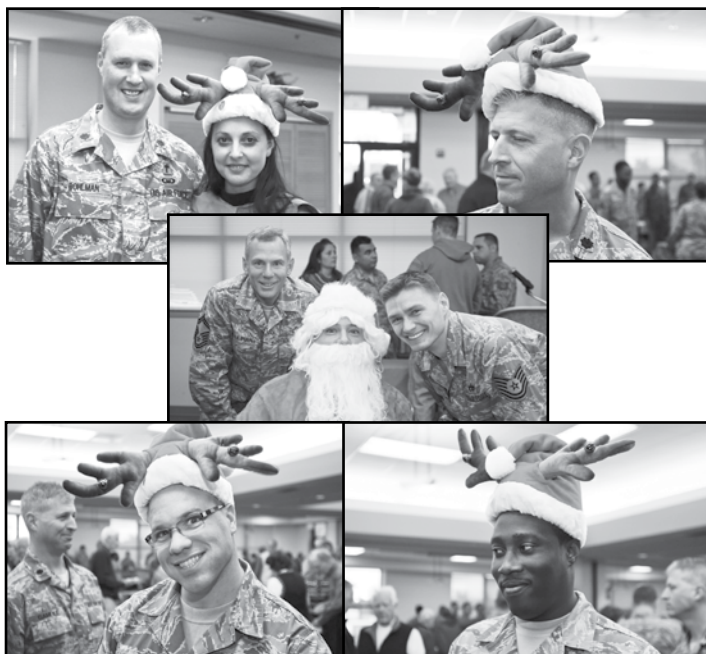
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